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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL <i>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</i>	Complete if Known	
	Application Number	09/741,691
	Filing Date	December 15, 2000
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	Group/Art Unit	2135
	Examiner Name	Son, Linh L. D.
Attorney Docket Number	OR00-14201	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See, *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Re. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 11, 2005.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

iii. ☐ Other:

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other: PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)

b. ☐ Other:

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to

Deposit Account No. 50-1003 (Docket No. OR00-14201)

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

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iii. ☒ Other: Please deduct any underpayments and credit any overpayments from Deposit Account Number 50-1003.

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 790.00, (\$790.00 for RCE fee) enclosed.

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

SIGNATURE OF APPLICATION, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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